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SUBJ: THE AEGEAN DISPUTE

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1. POLITICAL LEADERS CONTINUE TO COMMENT (REFTEL) ON THE
AEGEAN DISPUTE AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE LAW OF THE SEA (LOS)
CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK:

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A. DEP PRIMIN FEYZIOGLU SAID MARCH 15 THAT GOT

WOULD NEVER ACCEPT A FORMULA ALLOWING TURKEY FREE PASSAGE THROUGH EXPANDED GREEK TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE AEGEAN. (THIS IS A REFERENCE TO HURRIYET ARTICLE MENTIONED IN REFTEL WHICH STATED THAT GOG WAS PLANNING TO INCREASE ITS AEGEAN TERRITORIAL SEA LIMITS TO TWELVE MILES BUT MAKE THE OUTER SIX MILES A "FREE ZONE" FOR PASSAGE OF COMMERCIAL VESSELS.) FEYZIOGLU URGED THAT ALL BLACK SEA AND OTHER MARITIME COUNTRIES "WHICH WOULD BE HARMED BY THE CLOSURE OF AN OPEN SEA HAVE TO DEFEND A SOLUTION WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AEGEAN AND OTHER SIMILAR SEAS." ECHOING COALITION PARTNER TURKES' STATEMENTS (REFTEL), FEYZIOGLU URGED THE GOT TO COOPERATE WITH COUNTRIES "WHOSE INTERESTS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH OURS IN HAVING EXCEPTIONAL RULES ACCEPTED FOR SEAS LIKE THE AEGEAN."

B. THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) DISCLOSED MARCH 15 THE CONTENTS OF "PRIVATE AND SECRET" LETTERS SENT TO PRES. KORUTURK AND PRIMIN DEMIREL IN DECEMBER 1975 BY RPP CHAIRMAN ECEVIT FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM SCANDINAVIA. (ECEVIT RECENTLY STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS IGNORED HIS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE AEGEAN.) IN THE LETTERS, ECEVIT STATED THAT THE AEGEAN DISPUTE MUST BE RESOLVED BILATERALLY AND NOT BY SUBMISSION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, THAT THE CYPRUS AND AEGEAN PROBLEMS COULD NOT BE SETTLED AS A "PACKAGE" (ALTHOUGH THE "TWO TOPICS COULD BE ON THE AGENDAS OF TWO SETS OF PARALLEL TALKS") AND THAT TALKS SHOULD BEGIN BEFORE THE LOS CONFERENCE. ECEVIT ALSO CITED HIS CONTACTS IN NORWAY CONCERNING LOS MATTERS AND SUGGESTED THAT NORWAY MIGHT SUPPORT THE TURKISH THESIS IN THE AEGEAN.

2. THE TURKISH PRESS REPORTED MARCH 16 THAT THE RPP IS PREPARING A CENSURE MOTION AGAINST THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT FOR ITS HANDLING OF THE AEGEAN DISPUTE. THE PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT MFA SEC GEN ELEKDAG DELIVERED A "WARNING NOTE" TO GREEK AMBASSADOR COSMADOPOULOS MARCH 15 WHICH REITERATED THAT GOT WOULD NOT ACCEPT A TWELVE MILE TERRITORIAL SEA LIMIT IN THE AEGEAN.

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